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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Bubonic plague at Sydney.

(Communicated by United States consul.)

Weekly bulletin, week ended April 21, 1900.

Remaining under treatment April 14, 62; admitted during week, 16; died during week, 8; remaining under treatment April 21, 70; total cases to April 21, 129; total deaths to April 21, 46; discharged recovered, 13; total contacts isolated to April 21, 719; total contacts remaining, 191; total cases among contacts, 5.

Respectfully, C. A. SIMMS,
Secretary.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, *May 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit weekly abstract of bills of health issued at Antwerp, Belgium, during the week ended May 12, 1900.

The steamship *Kensington* sailed for New York on the 12th instant carrying 123 cabin and 855 steerage passengers. Eleven were refused passage, mostly because of trachoma.

Respectfully, E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

BRAZIL.

Existence of plague at Rio de Janeiro officially recognized.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to quote for your information the following telegram, dated yesterday, from the United States minister to Brazil: "Government recognizes existence plague. Rio de Janeiro quarantined. Fear allayed."

Respectfully, JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *May 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report a continuance of good health in this colony. Only 1 death reported during the past week—a patient in the

hospital of Bright's disease. There is a most remarkable absence of fevers of all types. The steamer *Breakwater* (Rivara) clears for New Orleans this a. m., 35 in crew; 13 passengers—10 in transit, 3 from Belize.

Respectfully, N. K. VANCE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Thursday, May 10, 1900, and to inclose list of vessels inspected and copies of certificates issued during that time. The intense heat and the threatened drought have given place to a more bearable temperature, and an enormous fall of rain has furnished an abundant supply of good water. The health of the community has not been effected in any way by these changes in meteorological conditions. The hospital of the United Fruit Company has had no inmates for over a fortnight, and the physician in charge reports that on a recent tour around the Chiriqui Lagoon no sickness was observed on any of the larger plantations. No deaths have been reported to me during the past week. Clean bills of health are being brought by the steamship *Sunrise*, the coasting steamer, and passengers on that vessel are provided with certificates of fumigation of baggage.

Respectfully, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

List of vessels inspected during the week ended Thursday, May 10, 1900.

May 5, steamship *Banes*, Tronstad; crew, 16; passengers, 10; Mobile; 8 pieces of baggage. Steamship *Ethelred*, Nickerson; crew, 23; no passengers; Baltimore. May 10, steamship *City of Kingston*, Nickerson; crew, 22; no passengers; Baltimore. Steamship Douglas, Eriksen; crew, 23; no passengers; Mobile.

HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the past week, with list of vessels inspected, and copies of certificates issued.

The health and sanitary conditions of Bocas and vicinity are very good. Two deaths have been reported to me during the week, as follows: One female, native, cause knife wound; 1 male, negro, nephritis.

Respectfully, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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